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Sir:

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

United States Patent No. 4,961,053 (Krug), dated October 2, 1990;

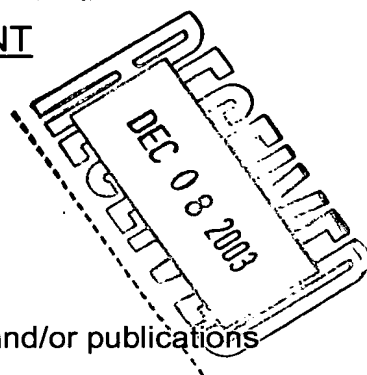
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Japanese Patent Abstract JP 2000 137 059 (Kitaguchi), dated May 16, 2000;

European Search Report dated October 24, 2003.

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